

Amendments to the Claims

Please amend the Claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A device for operating a lock assembly, the lock assembly having a first configuration when mounted in a right hand door and a second configuration when mounted in a left hand door, the device comprising:

a member having a first angular position in the first configuration and a second angular position in the second configuration, the second position being at a different angle from the first position, wherein the member has structure adapted to cooperate with the lock assembly; and

a handle having a first position representing an unlocked position and a second position representing a locked position; and

an adapter connected to the member, the adapter further being adjustably connected to the handle,

~~wherein the handle is operably and adjustably connected to the member~~ such that the first position of the handle when the member is in the first position is the same as the first position of the handle when the member is in the second position.

2. (Original) The device of claim 1 wherein the second position of the handle when the member is in the first position is the same as the second position of the handle when the member is in the second position.

3. (Original) The device of claim 1 wherein the handle first position represents an unlocked position and the handle second position represents a handle locked position.

4. (Original) The device of claim 3 wherein in the unlocked position, the handle has a generally vertical configuration

5. (Original) The device of claim 1 wherein in the locked position, the handle has a generally horizontal configuration.

6. (Original) The device of claim 1 wherein in the member first position, the member structure is adapted to cooperate with the lock assembly configured for a right hand door.

7. (Original) The device of claim 1 wherein in the member second position, the member structure is adapted to cooperate with the lock assembly configured for a left hand door.

8. (Original) The device of claim 1 wherein the second position of the handle is rotationally displaced from the first position of the handle.

9. (Original) The device of claim 8 wherein the second position of the handle is rotationally displaced 90 degrees from the first position of the handle.

10. (Original) The device of claim 8 wherein the second position of the handle is rotationally displaced less than 90 degrees from the first position of the handle.

11. (Original) The device of claim 1 wherein the member first position is offset from a vertical axis.

12. (Original) The device of claim 11 wherein the member second position is offset from a vertical axis in a direction opposite the member first position.

13. (Original) The device of claim 11 wherein the member first position is offset generally 45 degrees from the vertical axis.

14. (Original) The device of claim 11 wherein the member first position is offset generally 30 degrees from the vertical axis.

15. (Original) The device of claim 12 wherein the member second position is offset generally 45 degrees from the vertical axis.

16. (Original) The device of claim 12 wherein the member second position is offset generally 30 degrees from the vertical axis.

17. (Original) The device of claim 1 wherein the member has a generally rectangular cross-section adapted to cooperate with an aperture of a lock member of the lock assembly.

18. (Original) The device of claim 1 wherein the handle is a thumbturn.

19. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 1 wherein the handle has a first aperture and a second aperture, the member adapter being adjustably connected to the handle by a fastener positioned in the first aperture to define the member first position, and the member adapter being adjustably connected to the handle by a fastener positioned in the second aperture to define the member second position.

20-25. (Canceled)

26. (Currently Amended) A device for operating a lock assembly, the lock assembly having a first configuration when mounted in a right hand door and a second configuration when mounted in a left hand door, the device comprising:

a member having a first angular position in the first configuration and a second angular position in the second configuration, the second position being at a different angle from the first position, wherein the member is cooperatively dimensioned and adapted to engage the lock assembly;

a handle having a first position representing an unlocked position and a second position representing a locked position; and,

an adapter connected to the member, the adapter further being adjustably connected to the handle ~~adjustably connecting the handle and the member~~, such that the first position of the handle when the member is in the first position is the same as the first position of the handle when the member is in the second position.

27. (Original) The device of claim 26 wherein the cross-section of the member is a quadrilateral.

28. (Original) The device of claim 26 wherein the cross-section of the member is a rectangle.

29. (Original) The device of claim 26 wherein the adapter further has a slot adapted to receive the member.

30. (Original) The device of claim 29 further comprising a fastener adapted to retain the member in the slot.

31. (Original) The device of claim 30 wherein the fastener is a screw.

32-38. (Canceled)